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MAN WHO PLOTTED TO KILL ROSIE COOPER REVEALED AS CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER

Jack Renshaw.

... but jury fails to reach verdict on Neo-Nazi group membership charge

A JURY has failed to reach a verdict on whether a man who plotted to kill West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper and a Lancashire Police officer was a member of a banned Neo-Nazi group. National Action.

However, it can now be revealed that Jack Renshaw, 23, from Skelmersdale has convictions for grooming adolescent boys online for sex.

Renshaw pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey last year to preparing an act of terrorism by buying a machete to kill Ms Cooper and making a threat to kill police officer, Victoria Henderson.

While waiting to be sentenced for those offences Renshaw has now twice stood trial accused of belonging to far right group National Action, along with two others.

National Action was banned as an extreme right wing terrorist group by then-Home Secretary Amber Rudd in December 2016 following the group's support of the murder of MP Jo Cox.

A second Old Bailey jury failed to reach a verdict on the membership charge against the three after deliberating for more than 48 hours.

The prosecution announced there would be no third trial.

Following the trial it can now be revealed that Renshaw was convicted and jailed for three years last year at Preston Crown Court for four counts of inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, between February 2016 and January 2017.

He had also received a three-year prison sentence two months earlier when he was found guilty by a different jury at the same court of stirring up racial hatred after calling for the genocide of Jewish people.

Renshaw was arrested on January 11, 2017 for stirring up racial hatred in relation to two speeches he made. As part of the investigation, his phone was examined. DC Henderson discovered evidence of Renshaw's relationships with the under-age boys and arrested him again on May 19.

The Old Bailey heard that Renshaw had told DC Henderson in interview that she was fabricating evidence for "the two worst things anyone could be - a homosexual and a paedophile."

He was released on bail and began researching DC Henderson to prepare for the revenge attack.

The court heard that he was so determined to stop the detective revealing his paedophilia that he plotted to kill his local MP in a pub, take hostages and lure in the detective to silence her before killing himself through "suicide by cop".

About Rosie Cooper, prosecutor Duncan Atkinson said: "She was of the same party - Labour - as Jo Cox MP had been. She was therefore perceived to have the same support for immigration to this country that had been advanced as a reason for Jo Cox's death, and more especially for National Action support for the actions of her murderer."

Renshaw had searched online during May 2017 for how to cut the jugular artery and how long it would take to die after suffering such a wound.

His plot to kill the MP was foiled however, when National Action member Robbie Mullen turned whistleblower and contacted the anti-racism campaign group, Hope Not Hate.

Renshaw has been remanded in custody and will be sentenced on May 17 for the plot to kill Rosie Cooper and threatening to kill the police officer.

Ms Cooper is now calling for politicians to be better protected. Following the hearing, she said: "I was targeted not as Rosie Cooper the person, but as Rosie Cooper the Member of Parliament.

"I was to be murdered to send a message to the state. It's our democratic values, a way of life and our freedoms which are being attacked by the likes of Renshaw and National Action."

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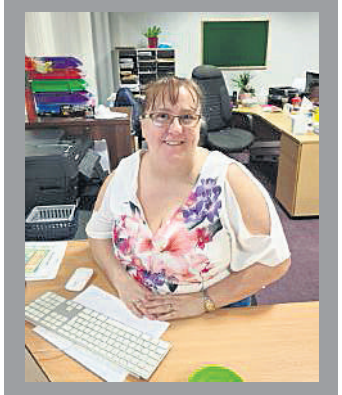

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University to take part in technology training project for women

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Currently, women make up only 17% of the technology sector workforce, significantly lower than most other UK sectors. To address this shortage and recruit women wanting to start a career in technology the Institute of Coding (IoC) has awarded more than £517,000 to launch the TechUp programme.

Applications will be open from April 10 to May 10 and successful applicants will be notified by the end of May. For more information email ioc.techup@durham.ac.uk or call 0191 334 2554.

Cancer charity to showcase services at open day event

MACMILLAN Cancer Support is holding an open day in West Lancs to showcase the services it provides for people living with cancer in the borough.

This will be held at the Christ Church Ministry Centre on Long Lane, Aughton from 2 to 3pm on Friday, April 12.

During the informal drop-in session there will be an overview of the local services and support available from Macmillan, such as emotional, physical and financial support.

Members of the Move More physio team will also be on hand to outline the benefits of activity, which can be tailored to an individual's personal needs and abilities.

Anyone is welcome to call in, or book a place, and refreshments will be provided.

Jodie Taylor, Macmillan's information and support service assistant and navigator in West Lancashire, said: "The event is an opportunity for people in Aughton, Ormskirk and the surrounding areas, to find out about the local services and support that is available to anyone affected by cancer, either directly or as a carer, colleague, family member or friend.

"We're here to help everyone with cancer live life as fully as they can, providing physical, financial and emotional support. So whatever cancer throws your way, we're right there with you."

Macmillan's West Lancashire Cancer Information and Support Centre is based at the Concourse shopping centre, Skelmersdale, and is open from 1 to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday, (except Bank Holidays). No appointments are needed.

To book a place for the open day or for further information, phone 01695 656533 or email soh-tr.macmillanwestlancs@nhs.net.

Ready to offer support...Olivia Bradley, Macmillan's physical activity co-ordinator; Rev. Sarah O'Donoghue, from Christ Church Ministry Centre; and Jodie Taylor, Macmillan's information and support service assistant in West Lancs.

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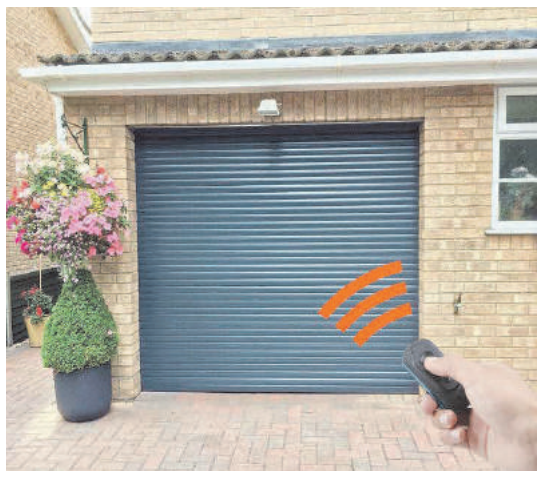

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Borough residents invited to join in Great British Spring Clean

WEST Lancs Council is once again inviting residents to support the Great British Spring Clean.

Following the success of similar campaigns over the last few years, which attracted more than 250,000 people to take part in nationwide litter picking events, the Keep Britain Tidy Group have launched the 2019 Great British Spring Clean campaign.

This year's initiative runs until Tuesday, April 23 and the Keep Britain Tidy Group is aiming to inspire more than half-a-million people to participate in community clean-ups.

The council's Parks and Countryside Ranger Service have already held clean-ups with volunteers at Beacon Country Park and Tawd Valley Park, with more than 20 bags of litter being collected at the Tawd Valley event.

Further events due to take place are the Cheshire Lines Action Day today (Wednesday, April 3) and another clean-up of Tawd Valley Park on Saturday, April 6.

West Lancs Council's director of leisure and environment, Heidi McDougall.

Volunteers are more than welcome at the sessions, both of which start at 10am, and should meet at Lydiate Station Road for the Cheshire Lines event and in the car park behind Skelmersdale Library for the Tawd Valley Park event. Please wear suitable clothing for the weather and ground conditions.

The council is also encouraging and supporting parish councils and residents across the borough to organise their own events in their area. A number of parish councils have already committed to joining in and there will probably be a community clean-up near you.

Community groups and local residents who are organising a clean-up of their local area and require resources such as bin bags and litter pickers can contact Andrew Hill, the council's environmental protection and community safety manager, by email at Street.SceneOfficers@westlancs.gov.uk or on 01695 577177.

Heidi McDougall, the council's director of leisure and environment, said: "Working together can make a real contribution in tackling litter issues and improving the quality of the environment. These activities will demonstrate there are many who care passionately about this issue and are prepared to support their community."

Shake on it! JMO Sports Park general manager Charlie Haynes welcomes Carl Eaton to the Liverpool Road complex with the Men-Aces banner in the background proudly declaring it as their new home.

Men-Aces celebrate securing new home!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Joy for players and officials as club is invited to use facilities at JMO Park complex

PLAYERS and officials of Skem Men-Aces Disability FC are celebrating after securing a home for their summer training and playing at JMO Sports Park.

Although the team has a permanent indoor home for their winter training at Skelmersdale College, over the last few years they have struggled to find a place outdoors where they can train during the summer months.

Last year the club was accommodated at the borough council-owned facilities on Liverpool Road used by Skelmersdale Junior League but these are not available this year.

Men-Aces manager, Carl Eaton, said that prior to that, other pitches that they have trained on have been closed to them or given up for housing developments.

Now though, Carl says that thanks to the efforts of Ormskirk FC chairman, Kevin Duffy and JMO Sports Park general manager, Charlie Haynes, their prayers have been answered.

Charlie has offered the Men-Aces use of a five-a-side and seven-a-side pitch at the state-of-the-art football centre at Blaguegate Playing Fields, Liverpool Road every Wednesday evening during the summer months.

Carl said: "We've had some outstanding news this week. After so many let-downs over the years and being kicked out of so many places, when all we want to do is play the 'beautiful game' Skem Men-aces Disability FC have finally got a place to call home.

"Now we can invite teams to Skelmersdale and not feel ashamed or embarrassed. We can be the host for a change and repay all the teams for the hospitality that they have shown us.

"JMO have come up trumps and given the Men-Aces the opportunity to train outside in a safe environment without the worry of it being called off, with facilities to suit the needs of all of our players.

"Charlie Haynes came to the rescue after hearing about our plight on not being able to get anywhere to train. With the amount of barriers and hurdles our team members have to face on a day-to-day basis, it's the football that keeps them going.

"Also, this would not have been possible without the help of Kevin Duffy and a massive thank-you must go to JMO for letting us be a part of them.

"And with their guidance and help we are hopefully of getting our own disability tournament up and running."

The Men-Aces have now proudly displayed a 16ft x 4ft banner at the JMO Sports Park marking their new home.

Police appeal for information after double stabbing at weekend

POLICE are appealing for information after two men were stabbed in Skelmersdale on Saturday, March 30.

Lancashire Police were alerted at around 12.45pm after two men were found with stab wounds in Southway, close to the job centre.

It is believed the pair, both in their early 20s, had been attacked near the subway between the Co-op building and Eskdale.

One of the men suffered a stab wound to his upper leg and the other to the lower leg.

Both were taken to hospital for treatment but the injuries were not believed to be life-threatening.

The offenders are described as two white males in their late teens about 5 ft 6in or 5ft 7in tall and of slim build, with long hair. They were wearing all dark clothing.

Detective Sergeant Peter Reil, of Skelmersdale CID, said: "This is clearly a shocking and violent attack and we need to find those responsible as soon as possible.

"Both men were assaulted in broad daylight and I believe a number of people will have seen what happened.

"We would encourage anyone with information to come forward and contact police immediately."

Anyone with information can call 101 quoting log 0715 of March 30 or ring independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Alan Langdon, business development manager at Sturdy Print, receives the AED from Ashley Creighton, chief executive of West Lancs Course Provider.

Defibrillator installed at print company

A LIFE-saving Automated External Defibrillator has been installed at a Skelmersdale company after staff completed a Level 3 Award in First Aid at Work course.

Sturdy Print & Design Ltd., based on the Stanley Industrial Estate, collected a HeartSine AED from West Lancs Course Provider on the White Moss Buisness Park.

A spokesperson for West Lancs Course Provider, which delivers nationally-recognised qualifications specialising in CPR, First Aid, fire marshal, safeguarding and health & safety courses, said: "The HeartSine AED is a sophisticated defibrillator with CPR coaching and built-in metronome to assist the first aider with the rate of chest compressions.

"If the HeartSine AED is used in a First Aid emergency the pads and battery pack are replaced free of charge. If the casualty's life is saved using the device a brand new HeartSine defibrillator is donated to the survivor completely free to donate as they choose."

County council leader dismisses Labour concerns over highways budget

Report by **Henry James**

THE Labour group on Lancashire County Council have said there is "growing concern" that Conservative cuts to the authority's highways budget will affect future long-term government funding, due to poor maintenance of the roads.

However, the leader of the council, has dismissed the claim.

A statement issued by the Labour group said that there had been cross-party support for the Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP), introduced by the previous Labour administration, which saw the council move from a worst first repair system to interventions that maintained roads predominantly through surface dressing, providing a life extension of 10 to 15 years.

It added that TAMP had gained national recognition, as well as increased funding from the government, and claimed a major survey of all roads across Lancashire identified clear improvements in general road conditions.

The statement went on to say that in a report to the cabinet meeting on March 7 the Conservative administration has decided to cut surface dressing and pre-patching from £2 million to £1.2 million, a reduction of £800,000 or 40%.

Labour's deputy leader, Skelmersdale East County Councillor John Fillis, said: "We are currently in the government's highest bracket for road funding, level 3. This is based on the way we maintain our roads. Technical information as to the road structure identifies when the road is ready for maintenance. The first year pre-patching takes place, this is followed by surface dressing in the second year.

"By creating such a delay the roads may have gone beyond its prime maintenance time to become a full resurfacing requirement. This will dramatically increase the cost of repairing the road going against the TAMP and government funding.

"It's clear that the action of the Conservative administration not only delays the roads being repaired but to jeopardise the future funding of our roads is reckless and without justification."

Leader of the county council, County Councillor Geoff Driver, said: "You really couldn't make it up.

"Councillor Fillis is the cabinet member who savaged the highways maintenance budget and voted against the Conservatives' proposals to increase it. And remember, he was part of the Labour administration that left us a deficit of £200m in 2017 and declared publicly that they would be unable to set a legal budget for the financial year 2019/2020.

"What would that have done for highways maintenance? Unbelievable!"

Mill Lane, Up Holland which Labour says is typical of the many roads around Lancashire that require maintenance.

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Care trust shortlisted in two categories for national awards

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust has been shortlisted in two categories for this year's UK National GO Awards for working with partners to improve the networks and systems that underpin healthcare in the region.

The two awards include the 'Procurement Innovation of the Year' and 'Procurement Project of the Year.'

Key elements of the trust's nomination focused on the collaboration and commitment between partners in the Integrated Care System. There was also recognition of market and supplier engagement and achievement of significant savings.

The project has allowed the trust to improve patient experience by delivering a timelier and improved service via efficiencies in record-keeping as well as referral pathways and communications between services.

It has also improved connectivity for staff in shared NHS locations as well as benefiting mobile staff who typically find their working day involves travel into communities and across care sites.

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Mental health drop-in service now available seven days a week

A MENTAL health support drop-in service in Skelmersdale has now been expanded to seven days a week.

Three Little Birds, based at Skelmersdale PULSE in the Concourse shopping centre, is a specialist mental health drop-in support session for residents in West Lancashire.

The service was originally available for just three hours a week, but following funding from NHS England and the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group, it has now been further rolled out to take place daily.

The drop-in sessions are targeted at anyone who needs support with their mental health, whether that is for low mood, depression, anxiety or other reasons.

They provide a protected safe space where people can talk through how they are feeling with trained facilitators, who will sit down and listen to what they are saying and offer support and advice.

Marji Ridgley, manager at PULSE, said: "People just want someone to believe them, to believe that what they're going through is real and that they're not alone.

"It's really important to people living with a mental health condition that when they reach out for support, that it's not met with a 'just get over it' or 'pull yourself together' response.

"Our drop-in sessions at PULSE are there for anyone, we won't judge and we want to listen to what you have to say.

"By simply taking the time to sit with people, have a cup of tea and a chat about how they're feeling, we've seen people come back to simply say thank-you for listening to me."

Dr Rosalind Bonsor, a GP in West Lancashire and clinical lead for mental health at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "This service at PULSE is absolutely vital and we're delighted to see it move from a weekly session to a seven-days a week support session.

Skelmersdale PULSE manager, Marji Ridgeley.

"By providing this easy-to-access vital support service, we can help people get the support they need earlier.

"This early intervention can prove to be essential in ensuring that the challenges that people are facing do not escalate further."

Appointments are not required so those wanting support can just turn up at PULSE at the following times: 9.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Wednesday; 9.30am to 6.30pm Thursday and Friday; 9.30am to 3.30pm on Saturday and 11.am to 3pm on Sunday.

Volunteers and children at a previous Skelmersdale Holiday Breakfast Club.

Holiday breakfast club returns for Easter - at a new venue

THE Skelmersdale Holiday Breakfast Club, which was previously held at the town's library in Southway, is set to return for the school Easter holidays at a new venue.

It will be held at Tanhouse Community Centre, Ennerdale on weekdays from Monday, April 8 to Thursday, April 18 at the usual time from 9.30 to 10.30am. Once again it's free to attend and all are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be Easter-based craft activities, games, puzzles, an Easter Egg Hunt and a colouring competition with a giant chocolate Easter Egg as the prize.

Breakfast options include toast, cereal, fruit, yoghurt and, on special occasions, Maureen's scotch pancakes!

The Junk Food Cafe will again be providing a free, healthy packed lunch every day, and you can even design your own sandwich!

They are also hoping to have a visit from the Lancashire Fire and Rescue team based in Skelmersdale and the local PCSOs.

Anyone who would like to donate cereals, craft materials or even money, is asked to get in touch with Councillor Claire Cooper on 07742 927 689 or by email at claire4birchgreen@gmail.com.

Shop worker's appeal on behalf of refuge children

Marion (left) and co-worker Margie with some of the items already donated.

A STAFF member of a store in the Concourse is appealing for donations of Easter eggs and colouring books for youngsters in the care of the women's refuge in the town.

Following the "overwhelming response" to their Mother's Day 'soap bag' appeal for toiletries for the refuge, Marion Flanders, who works at the Shush clothes store in the centre, is hoping for a similar success on behalf of the children.

She said: "We are asking people to donate Easter eggs for the children at the refuge and would also appreciate any donations of reading books, colouring books and colouring pencils etc. for the children some of whom have no toys of their own."

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Edge Hill professors' pivotal role in trials to find best treatment for children with epilepsy

TWO professors from Edge Hill University are involved in one of the largest-ever clinical trials to find the best treatment approaches for children with epilepsy.

CASTLE (Changing Agendas on Sleep, Treatment and Learning in Epilepsy) is one of the only trials to compare anti-epileptic drugs against active monitoring with no medication.

Edge Hill's Professors Bernie Carter and Lucy Bray are playing a pivotal role in the project, leading the work that engages children, parents and families in informing and shaping the study.

The CASTLE trial, which is ongoing, was launched on Purple Day (March 26), the international family-focused epilepsy awareness day when the university's main building was lit up in purple in support.

A total of 28 NHS trusts across the UK have already signed up to take part and the researchers are aiming to enrol 300 children with rolandic epilepsy, the most common form of childhood epilepsy, affecting around 10,000 young people in the UK. Seizures usually happen at night and affect children between the ages of five and 12 before tapering off in adolescence.

Professor Bernie Carter.

Treating epilepsy with drugs to reduce seizures has traditionally been the goal of medical treatment. However, these often slow down a child's thinking and learning and because children with rolandic epilepsy 'grow out' of their seizures, doctors and parents often don't know whether to treat children or not.

The CASTLE research programme, which is led by King's College London and the Evelina London Children's Hospital, focuses on more than seizures, to consider the wider aspects of living with rolandic epilepsy such as children's learning, sleep, behaviour, self-esteem and mood.

Bernie Carter, Edge Hill's Professor of Children's Nursing, said: "Professor Lucy Bray and I will be interviewing children and their parents about their experiences of rolandic epilepsy, sleep problems and issues relating to taking medication. These interviews will help us understand more about how children and their parents think the treatments and interventions work and find out what, if any, problems they've had to deal with. "

The trial will compare two licensed drugs, comparing their effects to active monitoring with no medication.

A second key aim of the trial is testing whether improving sleep can reduce seizures. Researchers have developed the world's first online sleep behaviour intervention especially for epilepsy, which teaches parents how to encourage good sleep in their children. The trial will test how well it works both with and without medication for seizures.

Families interested in taking part can speak to their paediatrician or epilepsy nurse. More details are available online at http://castlestudy.org.uk/take-part/.

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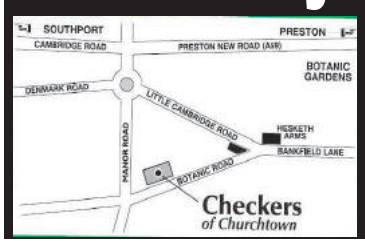

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Chance to check if you're at risk of Type 2 diabetes

Health commissioners holding free, drop-in roadshows to raise awareness of condition

TO coincide with Diabetes Prevention Week (April 1 to 7) residents in West Lancashire are being encouraged to check whether they are at risk of Type 2 diabetes.

Throughout the week, a series of diabetes awareness and prevention roadshow events will be held at locations throughout the borough.

These are drop-in sessions free for anyone living in West Lancashire so they can find out more about diabetes and assess whether they are likely to be at risk.

The sessions will also advise on making improvements to general lifestyle choices and health and wellbeing:

Dates and venues are as follows:

Wednesday, April 3, Banks Leisure Centre, Greaves Hall Avenue, 10am to noon.

Thursday, April 4, Edge Hill University, Faculty of Health Foyer, 10am to 2.30pm (open to Edge Hill students only).

Friday, April 5, Park Pool, Park Road, Ormskirk, 10am to 12.30pm.

Friday, April 5, Skelmersdale PULSE, Unit 73, The Concourse Shopping Centre, Skelmersdale, 2 to 4pm.

Joanne Sephton, service redesign manager at NHS West Lancashire CCG.

Joanne Sephton, service redesign manager at NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "Around nine out of 10 people living with diabetes have Type 2 diabetes.

"Type 2 diabetes can come on slowly, the signs may not be obvious, or there may be no signs at all, therefore knowing whether you're at increased risk of Type 2 diabetes is important.

"Our risk increases with age, if you have a close relative with diabetes or if you've had high blood pressure or you're overweight, especially if you're large around the tummy. Smoking, drinking excessive amounts of alcohol and being physically inactive can also increase your risk.

"But Type 2 diabetes can be significantly prevented or delayed by maintaining a healthy weight, eating well and being active."

The Healthier You: NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme, is a free local service for those people who are at risk of Type 2 diabetes. In West Lancashire 437 people have already been referred into the programme by their GP.

Diabetes and its complications costs the NHS more than £10 billion every year to treat and one in six patients in hospital has diabetes. It is closely linked to obesity and there is strong evidence that in many it is preventable.

From July this year, online versions of the programme, which involve wearable technologies and apps to help those at risk of Type 2 diabetes, will be provided for patients who find it difficult to attend sessions because of work or family commitments.

You can check whether you are at risk of Type 2 diabetes online by going to : https://riskscore.diabetes.org.uk/start.

Former Echo and the Bunnymen musician returns with new band and new album

A MUSICIAN from Up Holland who has played with Echo and the Bunnymen and The La's before taking a break, has returned to the music scene with a new album.

Gary McDonnell, 57, who also played percussion on the 1997 chart-topping album ***Attack of the Lantern*** by alternative rock band Mansun, took a break from music to pursue a career in catering in order to support his family.

Although he still works full-time at his own business, Empty Plates Catering Services, last year he teamed up with long-time friend and guitarist, Gary O'Donnell, bassist, Andy Ashton and drummer, Ben Gorry to form a new band, Moea.

Andy and Ben have previously played with Icicle Works and Elvis Costello, respectively, among others, while Gary is vocalist, guitarist and songwriter with the band.

Moea playing at Frederiks, Liverpool.

Moea's first album, ***Pendulum***, recorded at Alien Sound Studio in Lathom, is due for release on May 4, when the band will also be performing at a private party in Up Holland.

The album was mixed in Los Angeles by Danny Saber who has previously worked with the Rolling Stones, Black Grape, U2, and David Bowie.

Frontman Gary said: "I am trying to drum up some attention and air time in order to get Moea known and give us the opportunity to get more gigs. We are looking forward to playing and would really like to be invited to tour the country with a band."

Pensioner barred from pub over food order complaint

Report by **Henry James**

A PENSIONER claims she has been banned from a pub in Skelmersdale after making what she felt was a justified complaint about a food order.

Eileen Cooper says she has been a regular at The Miner's Peg in Ingram for two years but has now been told she is not welcome.

The 75-year-old from Birkgrig, Digmoor, says the dispute arose when she ordered lasagne from the pub menu and expected a complimentary portion of garlic bread to go with it.

However she claims she was refused and after discussions with the staff she was told she was barred.

She said: "I can't understand why I was barred when all I did was complain about a food order.

"I ordered the lasagne and if you don't have salad you are normally entitled to a free slice of garlic bread but I wasn't allowed this which is when I complained.

'Justified'

"I want an apology from Marstons. I have been going there for two years. I don't drink, I'm not rowdy and I wasn't doing any harm. I just left quietly.

"It's not fair and I feel like I have been picked on."

Marstons' area manager for the Miners Peg told the Champion: "To bar someone from one of our pubs is done at the discretion of the manager and is in line with our regulated policy.

"We have listened to Ms Cooper's complaint and have investigated the circumstance and on this occasion, management at the Miners Peg were justified in their decision following the actions that took place and we fully support them on this."

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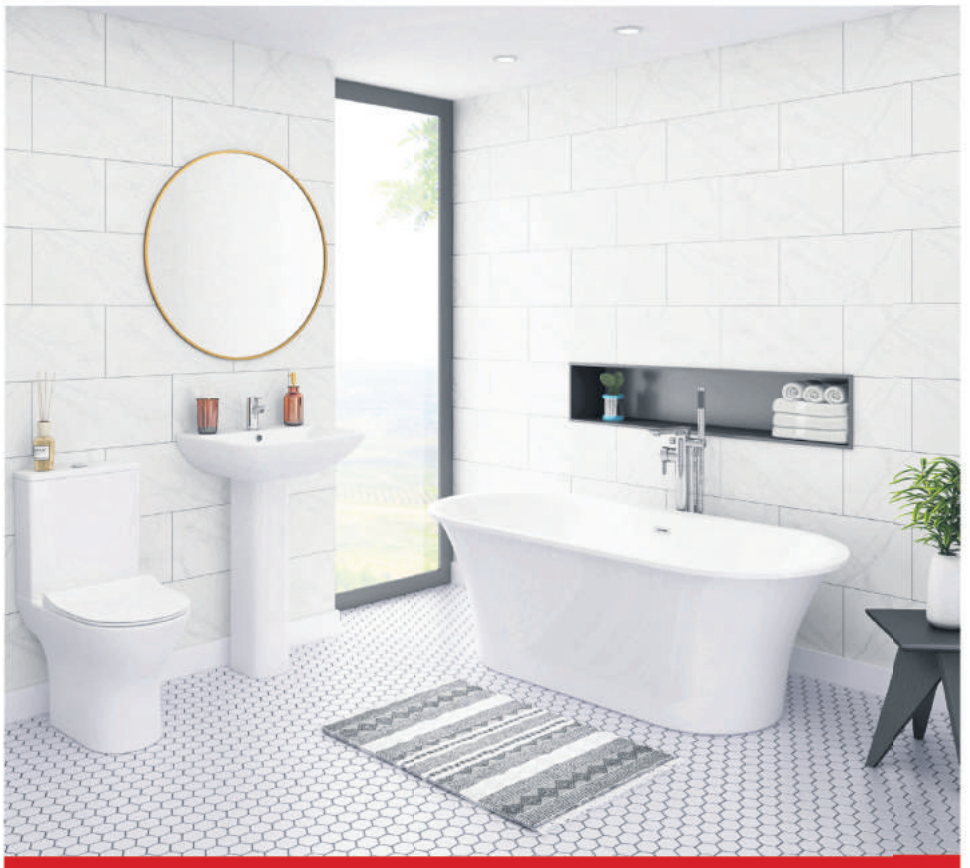

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Renewed appeal for information about petrol station robbery

POLICE have released CCTV images of a man they would like to speak to in connection with a robbery at a petrol station in Skelmersdale last November.

The incident occurred at around 9.20pm on Saturday, November 3 2018, when a man entered the Shell garage on Grimshaw Road and approached the counter with what appeared to be a shotgun.

After demanding money from the till he made off in the direction of Windrows and Willow Hey with around £140.

The robber is described as white, aged around 40 years old and was dressed in a dark coat - which was possibly being worn inside out with the hood up - lighter tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Police say enquiries have been ongoing since the incident and they have issued a renewed appeal for members of the public with any information about it to contact them.

They would also like to speak to the man captured in the CCTV images and are asking anybody who might know who he is to get in touch.

And although the images are indistinct officers are hopeful that someone might be able to recognise the man.

Detective Constable Kelly Rosenthal, of Skelmersdale CID, said: "We launched an investigation following the incident and this is still ongoing.

"We are now in a position to release these CCTV images, and are asking anybody who recognises the man pictured to contact us as soon as possible. "We are also continuing to ask anybody with information about the incident, or who was in the area at the time and saw anything unusual or suspicious, to get in touch."

Anyone with information can contact Skelmersdale CID on 01695 566165, quoting log 1527 of November 3; or independent charity, Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Police have released this CCTV image of a man they want to speak to in connection with the robbery at a petrol station in Skelmersdale.

Skem Veterans' Association visit fellow support groups

MEMBERS of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association have been out and about again visiting a number of other agencies that support veterans.

Among their destinations was a trip to a company called Under The Bark in Coppull near Chorley which specialises in handmade wooden furniture including personalised military chests.

The company is building a Silent Soldier memorial for the association's chairman, Alan Lewis whose grandfather served in the both the First and Second World Wars.

If you would like one ring 07590-243222 or email info@underthebark.co.uk.

Members of the association also attended a special afternoon tea organised by Age UK at the Wellbeing Centre in Ormskirk.

More than 100 veterans representing the Army, Navy and Air Force, as well as the land army, enjoyed refreshments, entertainment and a raffle.

Alan Lewis said: "We would like to say a big thank-you to the organisers at Age UK Ormskirk for inviting us to this event."

Meanwhile the association's two-hour walking football sessions are continuing at the Evermoor Hub. These are open to members of the public and there are no age restrictions. Anyone requiring information on the walking football can contact Alan Lewis or Ian Gaskell on 07939 660 048 or O7889 537 140.

The Under The Bark company is building a Silent Soldier memorial for Skem Veterans' chairman, Alan Lewis.

The veterans are also visiting Orrell's Royal British Legion organisation to network and to invite them to the National War Graves in Staffordshire on Saturday, April 6.

It is hoped that they will work together on the Poppy Appeal later in the year and support each other's events.

Knit and Natter group hold first sale in new home

WHEN the Treehouse Café in Sandy Lane, Skelmersdale closed because of lack of funding, it looked like the Knit and Natter group, who were based there, would have to disband.

The community café had been supported by West Lancs Borough Council and run by highly-valued volunteers.

But fortunately Trinity Church in the High Street came to the rescue, offering the Knit and Natter group a new home where they now meet every Thursday from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

And the group are about to hold their first sale, in conjunction with the church, of handcrafted toys and goods, together with jewellery, cards and other crafts.

This will take place at Trinity Church, High Street, Skelmersdale on Saturday, April 6 from 10am to 1pm.

Refreshments will be available and a percentage of the proceeds will go to the Disaster Emergency Committee Cyclone Isaiah Appeal.

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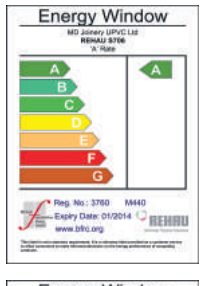

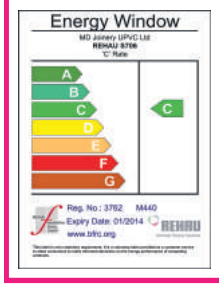

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182 knives handed in to county police during 'surrender'

A TOTAL of 182 knives have been handed into police in Lancashire as part of a major national campaign aimed at tackling knife crime.

The move to take the weapons off the streets comes as the force revealed a 19.6% increase in knife crime in the county between April and December of last year.

Operation Sceptre, running between March 11 and 15, saw dozens of weapons handed into police stations across the county. During the week-long surrender people were able to anonymously hand in unwanted knives and blades to surrender bins at front counters. Knives could also be deposited in secure bins outside Digmoor and Tanhouse Community centres in Skemersdale.

As part of the campaign officers also targeted businesses selling knives to check compliance with law. It is illegal to sell any knife to a person under the age of 18, unless it has a folding blade three inches long (7.62 cm) or less.

Statistics provided by Lancashire Constabulary show a steady increase in the number of knife-related crimes. Between April 2015 and March 2016 there were 649 reported crimes involving knives (4% of all crime). The figure for 2016/17 was 879 (4.6%) and for 2017/18 it was 914 (4%). Between April and December 2018, however, there were 849 knife crimes, an increase of 167 on the same period for the previous year, equating to a 19.6% increase.

Detective Chief Supintendent Neil Ashton, of Lancashire Police, said: "Operation Sceptre highlights the issue of knife crime and offers the opportunity for people who may be worried about a knife in their possession, or the possession of someone close to them, to hand them over. Many potentially dangerous blades have been handed in and now cannot be used to hurt anybody.

Some of the knives surrendered to Lancashire Police during Operation Sceptre.

"We know that over half of offences involving a knife happen in a private space and in most cases the offender was known to the victim, with a partner or family member often the perpetrator.

"We take all reports of offences involving a knife extremely seriously and we will continue to use all the powers at our disposal, such as Section 60 orders, which allows us to use stop and search, in areas where we identify there is an issue.

"We are committed to keeping our communities safe and tackling violent crime is a priority for us. We will continue to work 24/7 and 365 days of the year and to act on intelligence."

Test purchasing operations were also carried out with volunteers enlisted to check on businesses selling knives or blades. Officers and trading standards will now work with the owners of premises which failed to resolve the issues, improve their standards and amend the training staff receive.

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MP supports call for checks on mobile phone operators' rural 4G coverage

Report by **Kenny Parker**

ROSIE Cooper has joined with other MPs in calling for Ofcom to monitor the commitment of mobile phone operators to increasing their 4G coverage in rural areas.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Rural Business, of which Ms Cooper is a member, welcomed moves by Ofcom to maximise 4G coverage across the country, including commitments for 500 new mobile masts in rural areas and 90% geographic coverage by all four networks across the UK.

In return, Ofcom agreed to a reduction in costs for mobile operators on the upcoming sale of the 700Mhz spectrum which was freed up by the move to digital TV.

However, a letter from the group to Ofcom has raised concerns on how this will be monitored, with no obligation on mobile operators to report on successful mast completions until the end of the review process in 2024.

It also notes that operators have historically been reluctant to build masts in rural areas owing to the significant costs involved.

Rosie Cooper: "...important to encourage roll-out of coverage across rural patches."

Rosie Cooper said: "Many of my West Lancashire constituents live in rural areas where Internet and mobile connectivity can be far slower than the national averages and this impacts on their daily lives.

"I will continue to work with and lobby the network providers for increased coverage, but it is important that the Government and Ofcom puts in place any measures they can to encourage the roll-out of coverage across rural patches and that the network providers feedback on their progress."

Chair of the group, Julian Sturdy MP, added: "While Ofcom's initial announcement truly has the potential to revolutionise mobile coverage across the countryside, it will fall by the wayside if progress is not monitored on a regular basis. We need annual reporting to ensure that mobile operators are holding their promises to the public on delivering a 4G network which works for people wherever they live."

The Country Land and Business Association, which represents around 30,000 landowners, farmers and rural businesses across England and Wales and runs the #4GForAll campaign, is also calling for greater investment from mobile operators in new masts in rural areas. CLA deputy president, Mark Bridgeman, said: "Increasing 4G coverage will unlock the potential of rural businesses and the countryside and we cannot let this opportunity slip owing to lax oversight. Given mobile operators' previous reluctance to invest in rural areas, annual reporting on progress should be compulsory."

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Freemasons donate £35,000 to help blind students' job prospects

... and weigh in with £45,000 for African cyclone disaster fund

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancashire Freemasons have donated £35,000 to a blind school implementing a new teaching method to improve pupils' prospects of finding employment.

Liverpool-based St Vincent's School for the Blind and Partially sighted, which receives both residential and non-residential pupils from throughout Merseyside and Lancashire, has embarked on a revolutionary teaching method to improve the prospects of its students.

According to national statistics, 85% of blind students will remain unemployed after schooling as their confidence is affected.

However the new teaching method employed by the school enables pupils to teach and train other visually impaired people.

As part of the method, the school has produced 'Sight' boxes which are a collection of items used to assist blind and partially sighted. The boxes have already been distributed to 15 different countries to help with teaching blind and partially sighted people overseas.

Head teacher of St Vincent's, John Patterson,thanked the Freemasons for their "huge gift."

He said: "This money will help to ensure that students have a better quality of life with far better prospects for employment and life chances in the future."

Freemasons Tony Harrison (left) and Kevin Poynton with St Vincent's pupil Abyan.

Senior members of the West Lancashire Freemasons were given a guided tour of the school and met some of the students while attending for the cheque presentation.

Meanwhile, on behalf of the national Freemasons' charity, Masonic Charitable Foundation, the West Lancs Freemasons have also donated £45,000 to Plan International UK, which is supporting victims of the southern Africa Cyclone Idai disaster.

The money will help provide access to clean water, as well as tarpaulins, plastic sheets and other emergency supplies.

Tanya Barron, chief executive of Plan International UK, said: "We're hugely grateful to the Masonic Charitable Foundation for supporting our disaster response in Southern Africa. This generous grant will make a big difference to thousands of people affected by this devastating cyclone and help get their lives back on track."

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Time for community to 'name and shame' the dog owners who leave their pets' mess on our streets

AS a dog walker myself living in Aughton, I have been horrified in recent weeks at the sharp increase in not only dog mess on the pavements, but also and equally as bad, bagged dog waste left behind trees, road signs etc.

I have never seen any council enforcement, and frankly wonder what deterrent a £100 fine would actually be. We, as a community, need to be getting more proactive here and reporting the offenders.

I myself recently witnessed a male with a large brown Labrador simply let his dog foul the pavement on Swanpool Lane in Aughton. Unfortunately I was on the other side of the road and walking away and missed the opportunity to record the incident. But I will, going forward, ensure that I do take a photo and will ensure that it is uploaded to social media, as well as passed to the local council and newspapers. Maybe we, as a community, can shame these disgusting individuals by highlighting their behaviour to their friends and neighbours.

Can I also say to the individual who left a green dog waste bag on Swanpool Lane late Sunday/early Monday morning and put it behind a lamppost, that a child on their way to school appears to have stood on it and left a real mess.

I have attempted to clean the mess away but honestly, your thoughtlessness and disregard for your fellow citizens makes shaming and a fine not sufficient.

Disgusted dog walker, Aughton, details supplied.

PIC of the week

Champion reader Chris Short has submitted this image of a male Reed Bunting casually catching some sun while showing off its subtle yet striking plumage. The picture was taken at WWT Martin Mere where Chris is a media volunteer.

To submit a photograph for our Picture of the Week, email it to editorial@champnews.com. Don't forget to include your name, the area you come from and brief caption details.

Now the 30-year Local Plan has been dropped can we see action on our roads?

IT is, indeed, good news that West Lancashire Borough Council has abandoned its 30-year plan for the borough.

Can we hope that it will now turn its attention to, amongst other concerns, the infinitely more immediate and relevant matter of the state of the roads?

I'm sure most residents could produce a list of those requiring urgent attention before their cars, vans, and so on, suffer any more damage, not to mention the personal discomfort that they and their passengers experience as they crash their way along so many of the borough's roads.

Can I suggest that they start with Spa Lane, Lathom, from the Plough Inn down to its junction with Vale Lane?

Many of the holes are so deep, yet unavoidable, that it is almost guaranteed that driver and passenger(s) will receive a good shaking, and I hesitate to contemplate the damage that is being done to the car, and its steering and suspension in particular.

Though probably the worst that I travel regularly, this stretch of road is only one of very many that could be listed.

Action, please! by email, details supplied.

Council seems to have abdicated its responsibility to clean up litter!

MUCH as I admire the efforts of the national newspapers in cleaning up the country, if our town (Skelmersdale) is anything to go by, then efforts should be directed more towards councils.

One of the major routes into it (Stannanought Road) is and has been littered along most of its 1.5 mile length for at least six weeks.

Most of it provided (in my opinion) by two overfilled and infrequently emptied litter bins in lay-bys which have allowed litter to blow out. This, in turn, appears to some to be an opportunity to add a bin bag or two.

As there is no pavement and it is tree and shrub-lined there are no walkers and no opportunity to safely hand-pick without stopping traffic.

The council responsible appears to have abdicated its clean-up responsibilities, perhaps reliant on the national campaign to do the job for them.

D. S., by email.

Pothole problems need proper repairs not 'quick fixes'

ON the BBC news today we have been told more potholes have been repaired and over the country one is repaired every 17 seconds.

This I can believe. Recently in Trevor Road, Burscough a road repair gang set about repairing a pothole. They arrived, threw on some tarmac and disappeared in about the time it takes me to have breakfast.

Why waste money? Can't we have a proper repair with sealed edges instead of the jobs being done by 'Bodgeit & Scarper'?

A few days later we're back where we started.

T. D., by email, details supplied.

Mystery of Ormskirk's uprooted paving blocks

SOMETHING very strange and mysterious is taking place in the pedestrianised areas in Ormskirk.

It appears that some of the recently-installed aesthetic paving blocks are being uprooted and replaced with ugly black tarmac.

Who or what is responsible for this dastardly deed is not clear, nor is it clear what actually happens to the uprooted blocks.

In the normal course of events, say if certain utility companies were responsible, one would expect that the uprooted blocks would be re-laid but this does not appear to be happening.

In the circumstances one can only assume that covert dark forces from the Twilight Zone are at work.

Perhaps a council spokesman would like to comment?

P. M., by email.

I've never walked in horse muck in the town centre because I keep my eyes open!

RE; the letter from 'Otis Saroke' (Champion (March 13), I too am a proud citizen of Ormskirk and I have NEVER walked in any horse excrement in the town centre, or anywhere else, even when I assisted my wife in tending to them when she owned horses, as I use my (failing) eyes!

I also think that police horses are practical, especially in crowd control, as I've seen them first-hand. Believe me, they work.

They are also a great way of public engagement on normal patrol, as families often like to approach and engage officers when in this capacity, which can't be bad.

Let's face it, if Theresa May had her way we would have a PCSO and two halves of coconuts wandering the town centre to compensate!

Maybe 'Otis' needs some stronger specs and to open his nostrils more to avoid mucky boots.

D. P., by email, details supplied.

'Exorbitant' council tax increases are an unfair burden on pensioners

YOU may be aware of the appalling discrepancy between what a state pensioner will receive in the coming year, by comparison with the increases forced on them by our local authority.

The state pension is set to increase by a lower than expected 2.6% from April 2019. Pensioners will get less than expected. How can a pensioner in West Lancashire be forced to pay 4.81% increase on their council tax?

Pensioners should be told why they are victimised so brutally by groups of our elected politicians, many of whom not only receive increases but also receive second incomes for special responsibilities that should be the responsibility of the political parties and not the public taxpayer.

For example a D band council tax payer would be paying an extra £83.59, disgusting for a one-pensioner property.

The property bands need a review for such a small council who cut and cut and give less and less.

Four authorities take a slice of the cake, including the police which claims the highest increase.

These exorbitant increases all exceed the state pension increases and should shame all who voted for them.

When will enough be enough?

J. Burgess, by email.

We welcome your views...

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.

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Why being a great listener can make all the difference

AS a proud Scout Ambassador I'm always looking for ways to help young people in Ormskirk develop the skills they need to succeed. One of the most essential of these is active listening.

According to new YouGov research, 86% of UK adults who had a view said we don't listen to each other enough in UK society. That needs to change.

In my profession, on the set of a Hollywood movie, if actors don't listen to each other, the scene doesn't work. The same applies in real life - it's about taking the time to understand different points of view and showing respect.

Good listening is vital at both home and at work. Some 94% of those with a view believe active listening is important in creating a productive work environment.

The good news is that the Scouts in Ormskirk are leading the way in this area. Over 90% of UK adults say that the Scouts are helping young people to develop this important skill by working together with different kinds of people in small teams.

When young people learn listening skills, it encourages them to develop empathy and understand more about the needs of others.

So whether you're an adult looking for a great volunteering opportunity this year, or a young person looking to develop your skills, then visit www.scouts.org.uk to find out how to get involved.

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Life-saving donation for salad company

Bernard Sparkes of Douglas Cardiac Trust presents the defibrillator to Andy Liggit of Flavourfresh Salads.

A SALAD-producing company based in Banks is now better prepared in case of medical emergencies - thanks to a donation of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) by local charity the Douglas Trust.

The Douglas Cardiac Trust (DCT), established in 2002, provides financial support for first responder groups within Tarleton, Banks and Hesketh Bank areas and also supplies the potentially life-saving defibrillators to the local communities.

Over the years the DCT has placed defibrillators in many business premises and schools in the area, the latest being at Flavourfresh Salads at Melrow Nursery in Rydings Lane, Banks.

It has also placed units in distinctive yellow boxes in prime public places which can be accessed by a key pad, the number of which is given to a caller when the ambulance service is called via the 999 emergency number.

Trustee of the Douglas Cardiac Trust, Bernard Sparkes, said: "It is well proven that the use of an AED in the case of cardiac arrest can dramatically improve survival rates."

Sion Hall, chair of the Pan Lancashire Anti Slavery Partnership addresses delegates at the conference on modern slavery.

Businesses learn how to spot the telltale signs of modern slavery

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner's office has hosted an event for businesses aimed at tackling modern slavery in the county.

Representatives heard how the issue was an often 'hidden' but major challenge for police officers and also learned how to spot the signs and what to do if it is discovered in their supply chain.

The event brought together speakers from a range of backgrounds to explore potential issues for businesses in relation to modern slavery.

It builds on work being done by the commissioner's office in the county to tackle modern slavery, including training sessions which have seen more than 500 people trained from across the public sector and non-governmental organisations.

The commissioner's office also links in with other organisations nationally, sharing best practice and ensuring that all the work in Lancashire is consistent with approaches across the country.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has also invested in specialist roles which play a role in tackling modern slavery within Lancashire police.

Deputy commissioner, Chris Webb, said: "Tackling modern slavery is a key priority for the commissioner and events such as this play an important role in raising awareness and helping those being exploited, whilst bringing offenders to justice.

"We know there are vulnerable victims out there and businesses, like every organisation across the county, have a role to play in helping Lancashire Police take necessary action to protect them.

"The resources that the commissioner has put into this fight places us at the forefront of anti-trafficking work nationally, and is a really important part of making our communities safer."

DS Abi Finch-Hall from Lancashire Constabulary, added: "We have welcomed the opportunity to spend a morning with Lancashire businesses to raise awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking and to make businesses aware of how they can identify those who may have been trafficked or protect themselves and their working practices from exploitation.

"We are really pleased that businesses in Lancashire recognise this issue and are willing to work with us and partners to eradicate slavery in Lancashire."

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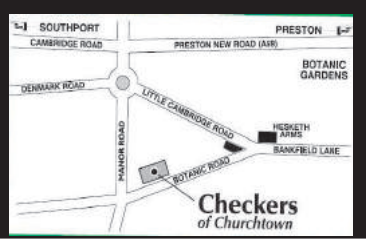

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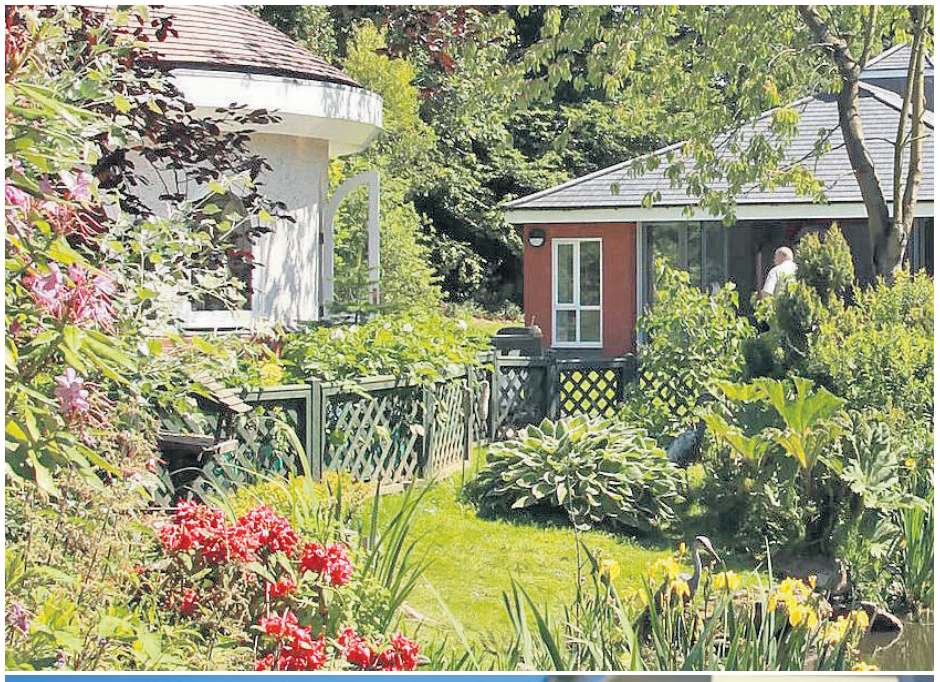

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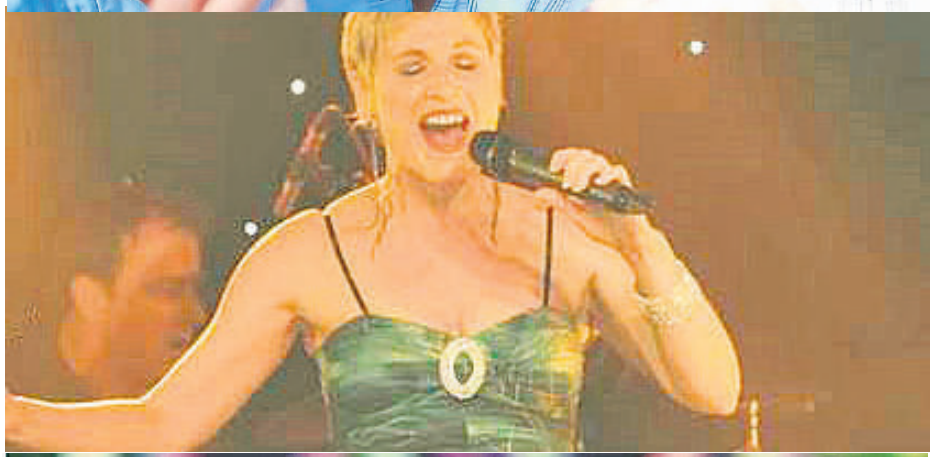

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MS sufferers and families invited to take part in national charity's survey

A NATIONAL charity is inviting people in West Lancashire with multiple sclerosis to take part in an important survey about what it's like to live with the neurological condition.

The MS Society's *My MS My Needs* is the largest survey of people affected by multiple sclerosis in the UK.

When the charity last ran the survey in 2016, more than 11,000 people responded and its findings have helped to inform campaigns to improve access to treatments, care and support.

This year, the charity is also launching a survey for friends and family of people living with MS. Acknowledging how important treatment, care and support is for people living with MS and those closest to them, and the society says the survey will allow a better understanding of those networks than ever before.

Affecting an estimated 11,830 people in the North West, MS is a condition where the coating that protects nerves (myelin) is damaged. It affects the brain and spinal cord and is often painful and exhausting, causing problems with how people walk, move, see, think and feel.

Genevieve Edwards, director of external affairs at the MS Society, said: "We want to hear from as many people with MS as possible so we can find out whether they're getting the treatment, care and support that they need in their area."

The survey is open until May 31 and is accessed through a secure online link at www.ukmsregister.org. A paper copy is available from the MS Society.

The accompanying survey for those who support a family member, partner or friend with MS can be completed at https://tinyurl.com/ms-family-friends

For more information about the MS Society visit www.mssociety.org.uk. The charity also has a free and confidential helpline for anyone affected by MS – 008 800 8000.

Liverpool Empire competition winners . . .

WINNERS of recent competitions run in the Champion in conjunction with the Liverpool Empire Theatre were as follows: ***Kinky Boots*** *- Mary Simpson, Bootle; Rob Graham, Formby; Helen Rimmer, Southport; Julie Anderton, Ormskirk; and Karen Steadman, Crosby.* ***The Full Monty*** *- Keith Aldis, Hightown; Geoff House, Southport; Lindsay Raywood, Crosby; Alex Choraffa, Skelmersdale; and Susan Mellor, Newburgh.* ***Fame*** *- Glenn Cavanagh, Southport; Julie Poole, Litherland; Lynn Rees, Bootle; Laurie Reid, Lydiate; and Lee Forshaw, Skelmersdale.*

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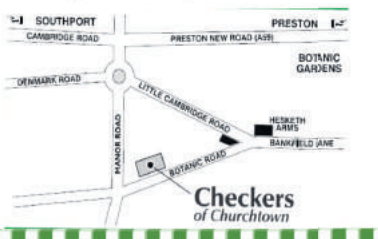

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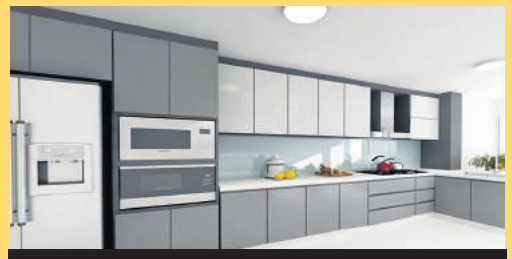

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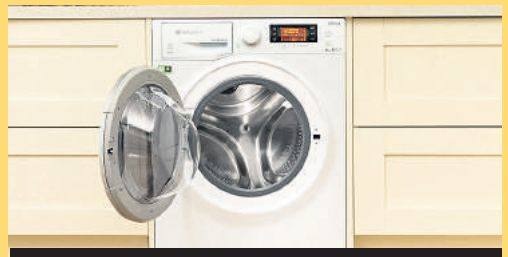

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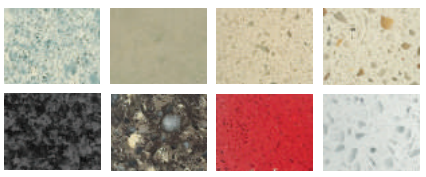

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Pam's right about 'Reality' TV - it's time to get them out of there!

I SEE the Brexit supporter who threw an egg at Jeremy Corbyn has been sentenced to a month in jail and that puzzles me.

Not that anyone should throw an egg at the leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, I can understand that, but to be jailed for it? Surely, throwing eggs, and indeed rotten tomatoes, at politicians of whom you do not approve, is par for the course?

If I remember correctly no-one was jailed for throwing an egg - or was it eggs? - at then Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott a few years ago. Mind you, throwing anything at Mr Prescott was a risky business anyway, he was more than likely to give you a thump for your trouble.

But so far as I know Mr Corbyn was not physically hurt (apparently he was "shocked and surprised").

OK, throwing things at folk is intrinsically wrong. But had I been Mr Corbyn I would have probably exchanged words with my attacker - and told the police that I did not wish to press charges against my assailant who would have felt rather silly had Mr C simply wiped off the mess, and hopefully come up with an appropriate wisecrack to turn the tables.

It seems to me that today's crop of MPs really are rather thin-skinned compared to some of their mighty forebears. Prescott was one, but can you imagine the trouble you would have faced had you slung an egg at Bessie Bradock? I imagine the safety of a prison cell would have been preferable!

Anyway, Mr Corbyn's attacker was reported to be "perfectly happy to go to jail" - so that's alright then.

But enough of politicians.

Last week also saw celebrity Pamela Anderson saying it's time to ban the so-called 'Reality' shows on TV. Well, I'd certainly back her on that one.

I watched the first few episodes of the first *I'm a Celebrity* and decided then and there that I wanted to get out of there as soon as possible. I never managed to get through a single showing of *Big Brother* and my opinion of these what used to be called 'talent competitions' after watching one or two was that the same standard of performance could be equalled or bettered at many local clubs up and down the country.

Pam, though, was concerned about the frighteningly high suicide rate of those 'stars' who have subsequently committed suicide as a result of their catapult into stardom. A least 38 hopefuls since 1986 have killed themselves after being catapulted into instant stardom through 'reality' shows and talent contests. And that is a sad yet understandable outcome from folk who realise that they don't have that much to offer - and often apparently not very much money either at the end of it all.

So yes, I genuinely feel sorry for them. It must have seemed that a glittering future awaited them, and indeed a fortunate few did find genuine stardom. Most do not.

So good luck to Pamela Anderson on that one so far as I am concerned.

Also, from a purely personal point of view, it would also free up our TV channels for more drama productions and also hopefully more of those marvellous comedy shows like *Fawlty Towers*, *Dad's Army*, *Black Adder* and *One Foot in the Grave*.

Have you noticed that programmes such as these are still repeated regularly, appreciated not only by people such as I who remember them from the first time round, but hopefully by new and far younger audiences as well.

Surely there is still the talent out there to write more of the same, or is it the TV bosses who have turned their backs on this kind of entertainment?

If I remember correctly, even *Fawlty Towers* was originally turned down, and that was then. So what hope for now?

School's mini-hockey squad are quick to book their county games finals spot!

A TEAM of sporty pupils from a West Lancs primary school have proved they are quick learners.

The youngsters from St John's CE Primary School, Burscough are celebrating after becoming Quicksticks champions of the borough.

Quicksticks is a shortened version of hockey designed to introduce seven to 11-year-olds to the sport. Teams are made up of six players, it can be played on any surface and it uses a larger, lighter and safer ball.

St John's defeated teams from other local primary schools at Ormskirk School to be crowned West Lancs champions and will now represent the borough in the county games finals to be held in Blackpool this summer.

Headteacher, Karen Cartwright, said: We are very proud of them all."

The triumphant Quicksticks team from St John's CE Primary School, Burscough with their trophy.

Village Easter Egg Hunt date

NEWBURGH'S popular Easter Egg Hunt will be staged again this year at the village Sports Club on Cobbs Brow Lane.

Running from 2 to 5pm on Saturday, April 6, the event is for children aged up to 11 who will track down clues in the village to lead them to the Garden of Eggs and their eggy rewards.

The afternoon will also feature an Easter Bonnet Parade, to be judged at 4pm by the Easter Bunny, face-painting, arts and crafts, a bouncy castle, a barbecue run by the Newburgh Fair Association, prizes and refreshments. Tickets are £4 with proceeds in aid of the Newburgh Fair to be held on Saturday, June 22.

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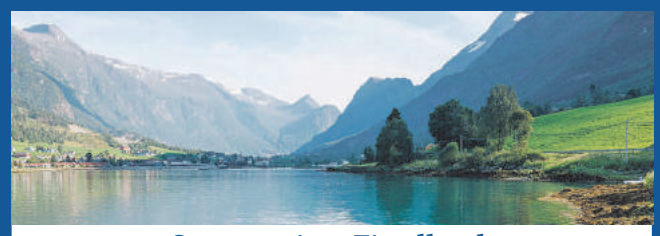

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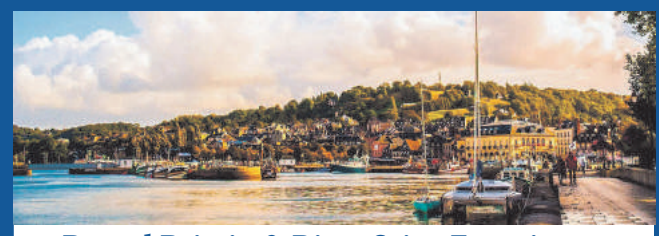

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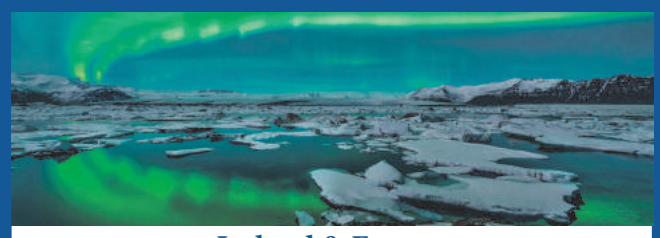

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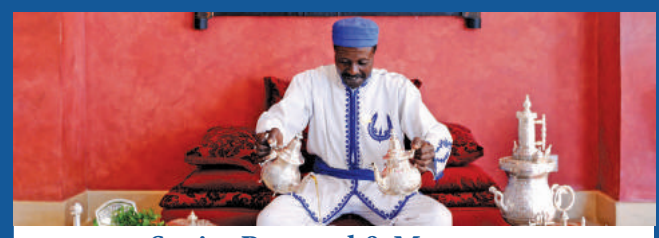

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Pupils from Ormskirk School with County Councillor Nicki Hennessy and some of the donations they collected as part of their campaign to end 'period poverty'.

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So to mark International Women's Day, pupils were asked to take sanitary product donations into school and the response was described as 'fantastic'.

Meanwhile, Lancashire County Councillor for Ormskirk, Nikki Hennessy asked the school's foundation governors to support the campaign and they agreed to donate £300.

Cllr. Hennessy went into the school in Wigan Road to discuss with staff how the school could lead on this. A meeting was set up with pupils from all years who decided that they would launch their support on International Woman's Day and also produce a questionnaire to be sent to all female students to gather information about how the school can support them when on their period.

Cllr. Hennessy said: "I am so proud of our students at Ormskirk School. When I met with the students they were willing to not only help their fellow students but happy to share their experiences.

"It's sad that things have not changed much since I was going to school in the 1970s, we have all had awkward experiences but there is now such a willingness to support each other.

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Members of St Anne's RC Primary School PTA at their fundraising comedy bingo night.

Comedy bingo evening raises some serious cash for primary school funds

FUNDRAISING is usually no laughing matter for hard-pressed schools but the giggles were all intentional when members of a parents teacher association held a comedy bingo evening.

The event was staged by the PTA at St Anne's RC Primary, Ormskirk and there were smiles all round when it realised the grand total of £1,768.79 for the Aughton Street school.

Louise Hart from the PTA said: "Lots of fun was had by all, including many parents and teachers associated with the school. Many local businesses chipped in by contributing decorations and prizes for the event and we'd like to say a huge thank-you to them. The money raised will go towards purchasing a defibrillator for the school and a new school bike shed."

Edge Hill teams up with solicitors to give students 'real world' experience

EDGE Hill is one of four universities teaming up with a local firm of solicitors to provide law students with 'real world' experience at free legal advice clinics open to members of the public.

Maxwell Hodge Solicitors, which has branches in Maghull, Formby and Aintree, is running the scheme with Liverpool University, John Moores University and Hope University, as well as the Ormskirk campus.

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Maxwell Hodge director, Claire Banks, said: "The clinics provide invaluable experience for students, dealing with real-life situations. They give students some of the practical skills they will need as they move into practice. We are also pleased to offer members of the public access to justice, which they may not otherwise benefit from."

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‘Canine star’ of CBBC among guests at Edge Hill festival day for media students

FAMOUS canine ‘personality’ Hacker T Dog, who presents on Children’s BBC (CBBC) joined other presenters, film producers, editors and media experts for a special Festival in a Day at Edge Hill University.

Guests from across the world of film and television - including presenter, Katie Thistleton; Blue Peter editor, Ewan Vinnicombe; documentary maker, Helen Littleboy; and Liverpool film producer, Michelle Billing - led sessions throughout the day aimed at inspiring the next generation of industry professionals.

Hacker joked with students as he sat alongside fellow presenter Katie Thistleton and floor manager Sarah Wilkens who explained the ‘setiquette’ of her job.

Sarah, who has worked as a floor manager for more than 20 years, said: “There’s a lot going on in the studio and it’s my job to make sure everything comes together between the director, gallery and presenters.

“There’s no time to freeze and you have to be calm under pressure. I have to keep things running and boost morale. This could mean me crawling on the floor to make sure something is in shot, to writing on big idiot boards to tell presenters how to pronounce a word. I’m responsible for the presenters, crew, guests, public, everything.”

Hacker T Dog. Picture by Paul Heyes.

Katie, who presents alongside Hacker, told students: “I trained as a journalist but after working on a community radio station realised I wanted to be in broadcasting. I took a role as a production management assistant, essentially doing admin, then I became a PA to the controller of CBBC. Everyone said there was no way I could ever pursue my presenting dream as I’d be stuck as a PA.

“This was absolute nonsense. I had continued to be creative by working in local radio and when the presenting job came up I was able to tell them my work outside of that job. They could see my drive and that I loved being in broadcast, so they gave me a chance.”

She added: “Everyone wants to be a presenter but getting work is hard so make sure you keep up any creative work, blogs, writing, radio, whatever so you have something to show alongside whatever role you take.”

During the festival Ewan Vinnicombe, who was editor of Blue Peter for six years, told students about how they’d planned for the 60th anniversary of the show for three years and showed them the running order, script and clips from the final programme.

Students were also able to learn about innovation, a web presence and social media marketing in digital skills training sessions led by technology giant Facebook and delivered by Agent Academy and The Extraordinary Club.

And in a CV writing workshop, led by the Children’s BBC Talent Team, students were given tips to make their CV stand out from the crowd and land their dream job.

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Spinal patients' charity given £10,000 boost towards minibus fund

by **Danielle Thompson**

Morrisons store manager, Rob Alexander; Gill Stephenson; and Morrisons Community Champion, Anna Ingram with the cheque and two members of the Spinal Unit Action Group.

A SUPERMARKET chain's donation of £10,000 will go towards providing a new minibus for patients at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS trust's spinal injuries unit.

The Morrisons Foundation gave the funds to the Spinal Unit Action Group, a charity supports patients and former patients of the North West Regional Spinal Injuries Centre based at Southport Hospital, as well as providing a residential home for people with severe spinal problems.

The donation will go towards a replacement minibus that has been adapted to accommodate the needs of people supported by the charity.

The charity's previous vehicle was more than 15 years old and had become expensive to run due to its age. The new vehicle will ensure that people with spinal problems will be able to travel in comfort and safety.

Gill Stephenson, chairperson of the Spinal Unit Action Group, said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive such a fabulous sum. The donation will be put towards the funding to purchase a replacement, specially-adapted minibus.

"Our supporters have been proactive in raising funds and the kind donation from Morrisons Foundation will enable us to reach our goal so much sooner. It's important that we can provide the specialist care needed when residents travel to and from hospital for appointments, and it will be wonderful to plan more trips out."

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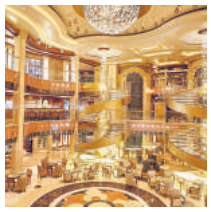

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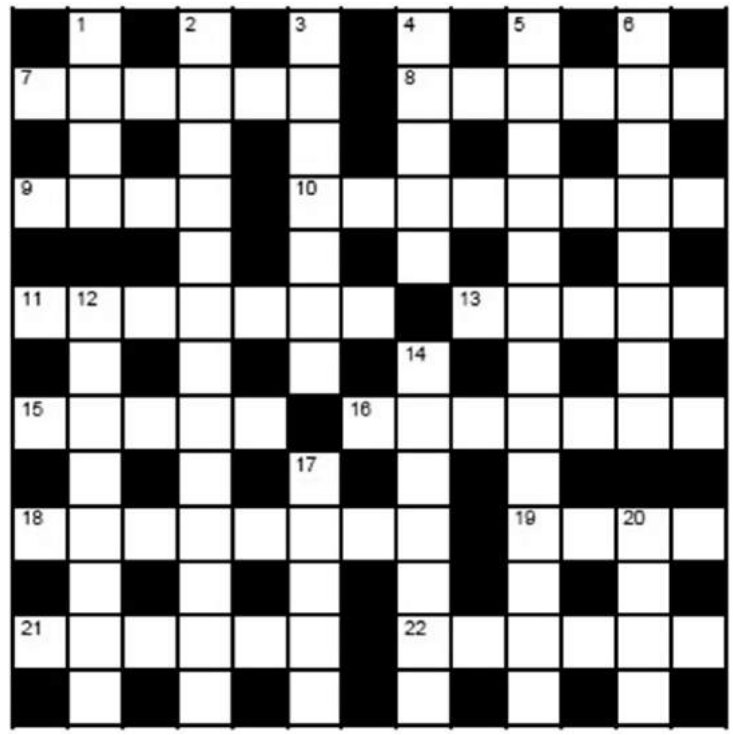

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Libraries to host art exhibition about the mental health benefits of reading

AN exhibition of students' artwork will tour Lancashire libraries to highlight how reading can help to improve people's mental health.

The artworks and animations are inspired by books from the Shelf Help selection of mood-boosting and self-help books specific to young people's mental health and wellbeing.

The exhibition is being launched to mark World Health Day on Sunday, April 7, promoted annually by the World Health Organisation (WHO) with the aim of ensuring that everyone can obtain the care they need at the time they need it in their local area.

Students from Lancaster and Morecambe College produced the artwork as part of the Think Positive project, which aims to tackle various issues regarding young people's mental health and wellbeing.

The work will be on display for the first time at Morecambe Library from Friday, April 5 until Saturday, May 4, before touring other libraries.

It will help to promote information on initiatives including 'Reading for Health', which provides helpful information and self-help techniques for managing common conditions, including anxiety and depression.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "I'm grateful to the young people who produced this artwork highlighting the issue of mental health and the information available in libraries that may be able to help.

"Supporting this national initiative is an effective way of delivering community-based help and support for people. I firmly believe that libraries have a significant and important role in providing health literacy and information to the public."

Gold medal-winning grappler Byhrom has Commonwealth Games spot in his sights

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A TALENTED wrestler from Ormskirk has struck gold at a regional championship and now has his sights on representing Team GB at the Commonwealth Games.

Work commitments and sleepless nights following the recent arrival of twins have meant Byhrom Asgharyzadegan has had to cut back on his usual training routine.

But that didn't prevent the 31-year-old from claiming the gold medal at the North Region Closed Championship.

Byhrom, a teacher at Pontville School in Black Moss Lane, Ormskirk who moved to the town last year, is an accomplished freestyle wrestler, competing nationally and internationally, as well as coaching both youngsters and adults.

He took up wrestling at a young age because of his heritage - his dad is from Iran where it is a national sport.

The dad-of-three, who represents Team Kaobon in Wigan, said: "I was very pleased with my performance at the North Region Closed Championships which exceeded my expectations, as leading up to the competition my training was not as intense.

"I'm hoping to compete a few more times this year in bigger competitions against opposition from other regions in the UK.

'Great support'

"I can't train the same way I used to when I was 21 due to family and work commitments, but you adapt to your situation and learn to train smarter.

"I would love to represent Team GB at the next Commonwealth Games, but I know this will be difficult as I'd be up against guys who are training full-time and are sponsored or funded.

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Byhrom Asgharyzadegan sporting his gold medal.

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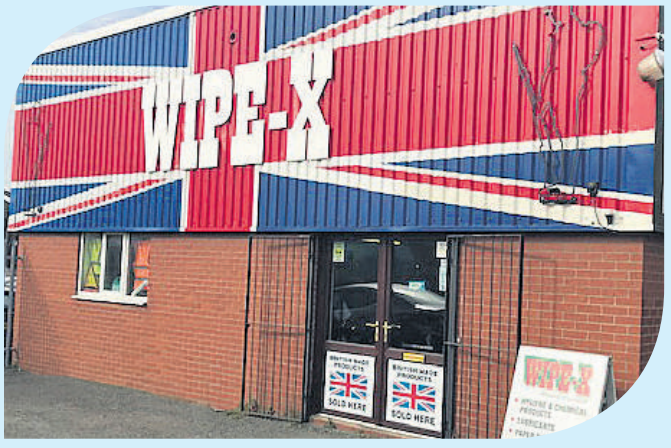

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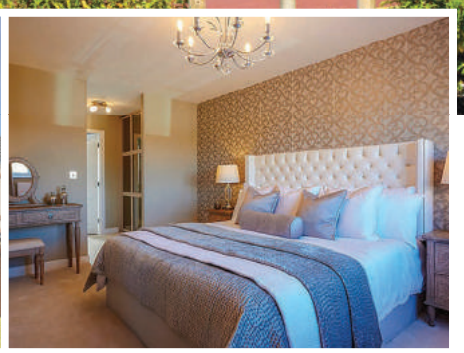

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Star-studded cast to bring musical to life

MARK Goucher and first-time producer Jason Donovan have announced that their new production of the much-loved glittering hit musical Priscilla, Queen of the Desert the Musical will extend its UK tour dates through to 2020.

The show, which was announced last year, and will star Strictly Come Dancing winner Joe McFadden, will tour the UK and Ireland from September 2019.

It marks Donovan's first time as a producer, having performed in the cast of the original West End production and two subsequent UK tours.

The producing team is completed by Gavin Kalin and Matthew Gale.

The show will be at the Liverpool Empire from Monday, November 11 to Saturday, November 16.

Full casting for the production has also been announced.

Previously announced Joe McFadden will play Tick/Mitzi, Laurence Olivier Award Winner Miles Western will take on the role as Bernadette and Nick Hayes will play Adam/Felicia.

They are joined by Daniel Fletcher (Bob), Miranda Wilford (Marion), Kevin Yates (Miss Understanding), Jacqui Sanchez (Cynthia).

The Divas will be played by Nikki Bentley, Claudia Kariuki, Rosie Glossop and the cast is completed by Jak Allen-Anderson, Natalie Chua, Emma Crossley, Jordan Cunningham, Martin Harding, Justin-Lee Jones, Nell Martin and Edwin Ray.

The hit musical has more glitter than ever before, featuring a dazzling array of stunning costumes, fabulous feathers and a non-stop parade of dance-floor classics including It's Raining Men, I Will Survive, I Love The Nightlife, Finally and many more.

Based on the Oscar-winning film, Priscilla is the adventure of three friends who hop aboard a battered old bus bound for Alice Springs to put on the show of a lifetime. Their epic journey is a heart-warming story of self-discovery, sassiness and acceptance.

This new production comes from the team behind the critically acclaimed UK tours of Hairspray; with direction by Paul Kerryson, choreography by Tom Jackson-Greaves with designs by Phil R Daniels and Charles Cusick Smith, musical supervision by Stephen 'Spud' Murphy, musical direction from Sean Green, lighting design by Ben Cracknell and sound design by Ben Harrison. Casting by David Grindrod Associates.

Priscilla, Queen of the Desert the Musical is coming to the Empire

A scene from Kinky Boots

Kinky Boots walks straight into audiences' hearts thanks to uplifting show

Review by **Henry James**

THERE is no holding back with Kinky Boots as this show is loud and full of energy.

The musical with lyrics by Cyndi Lauper, which can be seen at the Liverpool Empire until Saturday April 6, is based on the 2005 film written by Tim Firth. He was the man behind Calendar Girls, so expect a good story.

Charlie Price (Joel Harper-Jackson) works for his dad Mr Price (Andy Watkins) at the family shoe factory, Price & Son, in Northampton. Charlie then leaves the company to move to London with his girlfriend, Nicola (Helen Ternent).

However when Charlie's dad dies he finds himself at the head of the company, which is struggling.

He comes up with a plan to save it after helping drag queen, Lola (Kayi Ushe), who is in a fight with two drunks.

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Lola steals many of the scenes and is ably assisted by the Angels.

Charlie lightens up as the musical progresses. One of his standout scenes is when he sings Soul of A Man in Act Two. On the night I went the end of the number was met with rapturous applause.

There are some good characters in the factory too, including Don (Demitri Lampra) who has difficulty accepting Lola at first. Also of note is Lauren (Paula Lane) who has the hots for Charlie.

Kinky Boots has some good messages too, such as the importance of tolerance and acceptance.

Be prepared for a high octane night with plenty of laughs along the way to lift the spirits. Rating: 8/10

Harry Whitehouse Players set to host latest performance

Harry Whitehouse Players Latest Show

Preview by Ron Ellis

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Loving Mum of Bob and Graham, Daughter-in-Law Lynne, dear Nan to Michael, Ian, Charlie and Hannah. Great Nan to Ryan, Daniel and Millie. A much loved Aunt to all her Nieces and Nephews.
Funeral Service and Interment to take place at Christ Church, Parbold Hill at 1:30pm on Tuesday 9th April 2019.
Family Flowers Only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Research.

Donations and further enquires please to Anabel Hunter, 22a Liverpool Road North, Burscough Tel: 01704 891555

CRITCHLEY SYLVIA

15th March 2019 in Stocks Hall Nursing Home, Skelmersdale, and of Up Holland Aged 83 years

Much loved and loving Wife, Mother and Grandma.
Sylvia will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Memorial service will be held at St Thomas the Martyr Church, Up Holland, on Friday April 5 at 2.30pm and then afterwards at Holland Hall Hotel.
Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

PYE JEAN
(Nee Barr)

27th March 2019

Dearly loved Sister of Eric, Chris and Robert. Sister in law of Steve, Andy and Les, and dear Auntie of her Nieces and Nephews.
Jean will be sadly missed.

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DEATHS

ASHTON DAVID (ASHY)

17th March 2019

Aged 60 years

Devoted Husband of Dorothy. Much loved Step Father of Amanda, Vicki and Grandad to Lily and Ruby. David will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 5th April at 10.40am. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Cancer Research UK. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone 01704 500086.

SINGLETON ROBERT

(Bob)

30/03/19

Peacefully at home

Age 86 years of Lydiate.

Dearly loved Husband of Audrey, Brother of Ruby (Deceased), Jean & Jimmy, loving Uncle to David & Cheryl and all his Nieces and Nephews will be sadly missed. Funeral services & committal at West Lancs Crematorium on Thursday 11th April 2019 at 3:15pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Woodlands Hospice. All enquries to Craven Funeral Service, 44 Liverpool Road, Lydiate, L31 2LZ Tel: 0151 531 7890

LOCKHART DONNA PATRICE

(Epperson)

Aged 66 years

Sadly passed away suddenly on

22nd March 2019.

Will be loved and missed by Husband Peter, Children Ian, Andrew and Stephanie. Grandchildren Adam, Amy and Olivia, and Brothers Michael and John, Sister Gloria (deceased) and Cousin Louise. Funeral Service to be held on Friday 5th April in St Richards Church, Skelmersdale at 2:15pm, followed by cremation at West Lancs Crematorium, Burscough, L40 7SP. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Devonports Funeral Services 01695 731199

DEATHS

SEMOURSON IRENE ANN

26th March 2019

Peacefully at her home in Skelmersdale

aged 59 years

The dearly loved Mum of Laura and John and devoted Nanny of Ellicia, Elle-May, Lucy and Jessica. Much loved and sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 8th April 2019 at 2:00pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

BEEVER MAUD

28th March 2019

Dearly loved Wife of the late Michael, Much loved Mum of Julie and Ian, Loving Grandmother of Michael, Rachael and Helen. Will be greatly missed by all her loving friends. Funeral Service at Thornton Crematorium on Monday 8th April at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for the British Heart Foundation, and the Alzheimer's Society. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888

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DEATHS

JOLLY DIANA MARGARET

25th March 2019

aged 77 years

peacefully at

Hillcroft Nursing Home

Loving Wife to Haydn, Mother to Malcolm, Heather, Ian and Carol. Mother in law to Sam, Erik and Lauren and Grandma to Ben, Toby and Lucy. Diana will be sadly missed by all her loving family and friends. Funeral serice to take place on Friday 5th April at West Lancashire Crematorium at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please but if desired, donations would be gratefully accepted to The Alzheimers Society c/o Hunters of Ormskirk, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

SEWELL

REV. DR.

PETER

Passed away peacefully on 25th March

Beloved Husband of the late Pat Sewell and Father to Alastair, Nicholas, Duncan and Emma. A celebration of Peter's life will be held at Lathom Park Chapel on Thursday 11th April at 2pm.

PYE JEAN

27th March 2019

Aged 71 years

After a long illness bravely borne, surrounded by her immediate family and dearly loved ones in life, the loving Wife of Ronald and Mother of her only Son, Neil, Jean will be very sadly missed by all of her family and friends. Goodnight and God Bless. The Funeral Service and Interment will be held at St Michael and All Angels Church, Dalton on Monday 8th April at 11 o'clock. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services 01695 731199

DEATHS

DOOLEY JEAN

Nee Banks

March 26th 2019

Peacefully aged 86 years

Reunited with beloved Husband John, much-loved Mum of Janet and Claire and Mother in Law of Dave and Steve. Devoted Nanny of Emma, Rebecca and Jack. Funeral Service and Cremation at Southport Crematorium on Friday April 5th at 2pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o Coyne Bros, 3 Old Mill Lane, Formby L37 3PE. Tel 01704 873899

THOMPSON JANET MARY

Passed away suddenly in hospital on 24th March 2019, aged 71 years.

Much loved Wife of the late Michael. Much loved Mum of Christopher, Simon and Sarah. Dear Mother-In-Law of Stephanie. Loving Nanny of Joshua. Dear Sister of Peter. A much loved Daughter of Mary. Janet will be sadly missed by all her family and friends and all those who knew her. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 9.20am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Donkey Sanctuary Org. UK. Further enquires please to Moisters Funeral Directors, 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

DEATHS

ABRAHAM DEBORAH JANE

Passed away peacefully 29th March 2019 aged 58 years

Dearly Loved and Devoted Wife of Barry, Much Loved Mum of David, Zara, Loved by Eddie and Oscar, Loved and missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at St. Michaels Church, Aughton on Friday 12th April 2019 at 11.15am, followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice, and Riding for the Disabled West Lancs.

Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888.

EMMETT MICHAEL JOHN

March 19 2019

Beloved Son of Bernard and Maureen, dearly loved Brother of Christine, Patricia and Bernadette and his Nieces and Nephew. Rest in Peace. Funeral service to be held at Our Lady's R.C. Church, Southport Road, Lydiate. L31 4HH on Tuesday 9th April at 9:30am followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium, Lydiate Lane, Thornton, L23 1TP at 10:40am. No flowers but donations please to MESOTHELIOMA UK c/o Thompsons Funerals Services, 175a Liverpool Road South, Maghull, L31 8AA Tel: 0151 526 1815

DEATHS

WATSON DENIS

Peacefully in hospital on 18th March 2019

Aged 75 years.

Much loved Husband of Susan, loving Dad to John, Ian and Philip, Stepdad to Simon, Jonathan and Nick, Father-in-law and Grandad to twelve lucky grandchildren. You will always be missed. Thank you for everything you did for us. Love from your family and friends. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Saturday 27th April at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please; donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o the funeral director. Inquiries to Neal Buckley, Tarleton Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton Tel: 01772-301700

PEET JEAN

26th March 2019

Peacefully at home

aged 84 years

Loving Mum to Caroline, John and Stephen, loving Nan to Annelise, Tom, Patrick, Emily, James, Joshua, Charlotte and Cicely.

"Your love, kindness and strength was an inspiration to us all. Your smile and warmth will always be in our hearts. Sleep well Mum"

Funeral service and interment at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe on Friday 5th April 2019 at 2:00pm. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

WILLIAMS MARGARET

(Maggie)

Nee O'Shea

On 28th March 2019

Suddenly in Hospital

Aged 69 Years

R.I.P.

Loving sister of Kathleen, Anne, Dennis and the late Lol, John, Paddy, Michael, Maureen and Terry. Maggie will be Sadly missed by all her family and friends Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 12th April at 3:20pm. Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Marie Curie. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel 01704 214118

COLOCOTT IRENE

27th March 2019

Aged 80 Years

Much loved wife of the late Len. Loving mum to Tim & Simon, Mother in Law to Gill & Sara. Cherished Nanna to Dane, Sophie, Leah, Nathan & her Great-Grandchildren Ava, Marcus & Luna. Irene will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 8th April at 1:20pm. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for RSPCA. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086

DEATHS

OWENS BRENDA LYNN

25th March 2019

Aged 76 years

Peacefully at Lyndale Nursing Home, Southport after a long and difficult illness. Dearly beloved wife of Barry, loving Mother to Audrey, Clifford and the late Mandy Anne. Sister to June, Grandmother to Owen, Ruby, Jenson and Mother-in-Law to Diane and Mark. Funeral service at Leyland Road Methodist Church, Southport on Thursday 4th April at 12:30pm followed by interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Alzheimer's Society and The British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

McDONALD TERESA

(TEL)

21st March 2019

Aged 53 years

Much loved and deeply missed by Arun (Az). She was the light in everyone's thoughts and a smile on everyone's face. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 4th April at 3:15pm. Teresa has requested if you come, you wear either casual clothes or an 'LFC' top. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Macmillan Cancer Support. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

JARDINE VERA

1st April 2019
Peacefully in hospital
aged 86 years
of Skelmersdale

She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 10:45am. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

LAMBERT GEORGE

Passed away peacefully during the early morning hours
21st March 2019

Husband, Father and Grandfather, Beloved of family and dear friends. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough, Ormskirk L40 7SP Monday 8th April 2019 commencing 2:30 pm

DEATHS

WILL BARBARA

25th March 2019
Peacefully in Hospital
Aged 92 years

Dearly loved Wife of the late William (Jock) and is a much loved and missed Mum, Grandma and Great-Grandma. A Celebration of Barbara's life to which you are invited to wear bright clothing is to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 5th April 2019 at 1:00pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired in memory of Barbara will be gratefully received for The Breast Unit at The University Hospital Aintree. For all enquiries, please contact Graham J. Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, L31 5JB 01515203330

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1st April

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IN MEMORIAM

STUBBER RICKY

5th April 2018

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Son Andrew and family
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Friday 29th March 2019

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WEST LANCASHIRE SPRING TRIATHLON, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle from proceeding over the following lengths of highway in the Borough of West Lancashire;

1. No person shall cause any vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the Triathlon) to proceed over the following lengths of highway, in the Borough of West Lancashire, as set out below;

i. School Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Whiteley's Lane,
ii. Ruff Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Scarth Hill Lane,
iii. Whiteley's Lane from its junction with Scarth Hill Lane to its junction with A577 Wigan Road (Lathom),
iv. Vicarage Lane in a North East and Easterly direction from its junction with Ruff Lane to its junction with School Lane,
v. Ruff Lane in a South Easterly direction from its junction with Beech Meadow to its junction with Vicarage Lane

An alternative route for vehicular traffic and cyclists affected by the closure is via: -

1. Knowsley Road – Wigan Road – Crosshall Brow – School Lane
2. Scarth Hill – St Helens Road – Knowsley Road – Wigan Road – Crosshall Brow – School Lane

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable the safe holding of The West Lancashire Spring Triathlon Event 2019
The prohibition will be operative from 0700 hours until 1230 hours on Sunday 14th April 2019.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16211/KF]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/0137/FUL Variation of Condition No.3 of planning permission 2017/0709/FUL to vary the approved plans at 27 Granville Park, Aughton. The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0181/FUL Replacing wooden gates with electric wrought iron gates at 57 Granville Park, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0228/FUL Single storey side and front extension at 4 Alder Lane, Parbold.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0265/FUL Construction of extension to existing farm shop, plus associated landscaping at Farm Shop, Taylors Farm, Hall Lane, Lathom. This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2019/0271/FUL Removal of existing steps. Erection of new porch and steps at Keepers Lodge, Sandy Lane, Lathom.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2019/0272/LBC Listed Building Consent - Removal of existing steps. Erection of new porch and steps at Keepers Lodge, Sandy Lane, Lathom.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2019/0275/FUL New boundary timber fence to replace existing at Palace House Farm Cottage, Hall Lane, Lathom.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0283/FUL Change of use of horticultural barn to barn for storage of plants and associated products (including seed, corn, vegetables and horticultural trollies) at Ring O' Bells Nurseries, Ring O' Bells Lane, Lathom.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used
The personal data you provide will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties in processing planning and related applications. Some of the personal information, including your name and address, you provide will be published. For further information about this notice or how we use your personal data please see: http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning/planning-privacy-notices/level-2-development-management-cil-privacy-notice.aspx and http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/about-the-council/legal-statements-and-foi/privacy-and-data-protection-gdpr.aspx. Hard copies are available on request.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration — Dated: 3rd April 2019 PDNOT1038

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HIGGINS LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Higgins Lane, Burscough from Truscott Road to 30m from junction with Truscott Road.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Monday 8th April 2019 until 2400 hours on Monday 6th May 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access for pedestrians only. Road closure will be continuous.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Liverpool Road South – High Lane – Pippin Street – Tollgate Road – Ringtail Road – Langley Road – Higgins Lane
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow sewer diversion and water connection works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16674/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD, RUFFORD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Station Road, Rufford from 20m from Level Crossing to 20m from Level Crossing
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0730 hours on Sunday 21st April 2019 until 1530 hours on Sunday 21st April 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access to be maintained for pedestrians only. No emergency access to be maintained as diversion route in place.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Hall Lane – Robin Lane – Chorley Road – Lancaster Lane – Alder Lane – Ash Brow – Course Lane – Lowry Hill Lane – Briars Lane – Square Lane – Liverpool Road South – Liverpool Road North – Moss Lane – Causeway Lane – Liverpool Road
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow annual level crossing testing works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16827/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MORRIS LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Morris Lane, Halsall from Tyrol House, Morris Lane to 5m either side of Tyrol House, Morris Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0700 hours on 23rd April 2019 until 1800 hours on 29th April 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Small Lane North – North Moor Lane – A5147 Halsall Road
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow water service works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16685/EW]

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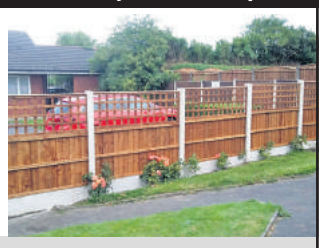
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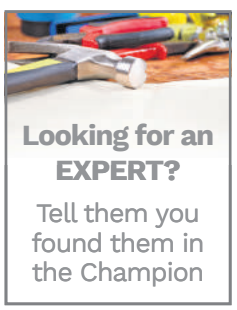

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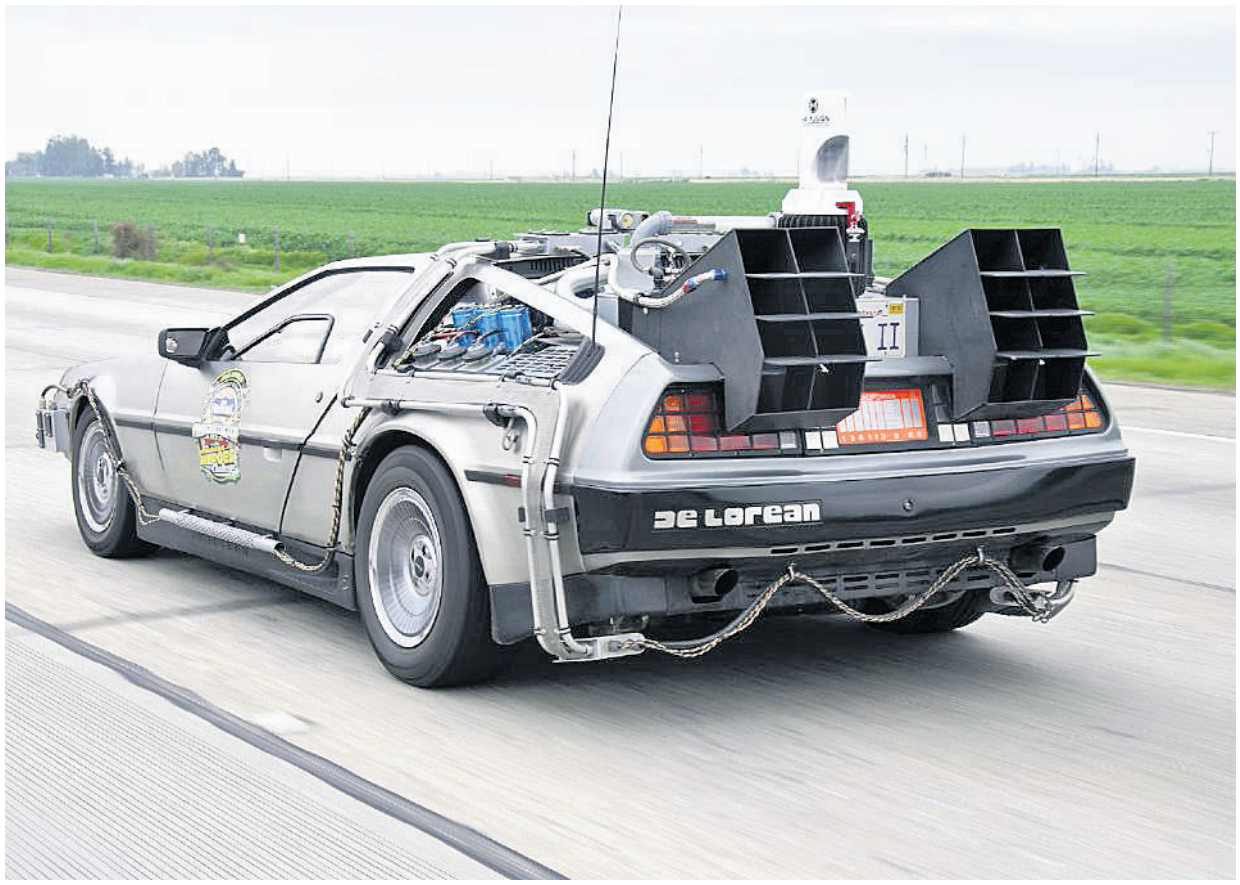

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BACK to the Future might have ended a bit differently had Doc Brown ventured a few years further. Rather than only time-travelling as far as the heady, pre-Brexit days of 2015 and returning with a flying DeLorean capable of running on household waste, he might have found himself dealing with EU-mandated speed limiters instead.

It would have been a fairly rubbish ending, with our time-travelling star stuck in the 2020s because it's no longer allowed to power up to 88mph (although it would've spared everyone the third film, which perhaps isn't such a bad thing). Yet for all the hysteria you might have read in the tabloids about new cars having their velocity vetoed by Euro-approved intelligent tech, I reckon the real risk to the cars we know and love today lies much further down the line.

There is a lot in the European Commission's rules for new cars post-2022 that make sense. Would I have a drowsiness-detecting sensor jolt the driver in the other lane back into action, rather than him drifting into my path?

Most definitely. Help with braking in emergencies and better seatbelts? I'm down with that. There are suggestions too for tech that prevents you from driving if you're plastered, which is long overdue.

It's not the principle of the tech that troubles me, but the logistics.

If all cars in a decade's time have their speed controlled intelligently, then there has to be some sort of communication between their internal electronic trickery and whatever roadside gantry is beaming the signals out.

This isn't the stuff of *Tomorrow's World*, as it was trialled down in Kent last year, but if you want to drive something older than a brand-new Audi you might find you're at a disadvantage – or not allowed altogether.

Put it this way – I spent last weekend driving around in a 29-year-old Mitsubishi which, with a bit of TLC, could probably reach the same age again. It saves all the environmental grief of making a brand-new car from scratch, but because an electric sunroof and a radio/cassette is about the height of its gadgetry it would be a nightmare to retrofit with intelligent speed limiters and data recorders.

The long-term risk is that it, and thousands of older cars cherished by their owners for all sorts of reasons, won't be allowed onto our increasingly smart roads because they're too analogue.

The challenge for the powers-that-be is working out how to move with the times without inadvertently legislating all of our Triumph TR4s, our MG Midgets and – in my case – our 29-year-old Mitsubishis off the roads.

Otherwise I'll be asking Doc Brown if I can hitch a ride.

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Skem's fate could finally be sealed this weekend as relegation looms

SKELMERSDALE United's inevitable relegation could be confirmed this weekend.

Skem host Market Drayton Town at Prescot this Saturday at 3pm and if results go against them they could be relegated by the end of the day.

However, they have every chance of beating Market Drayton who only sit four places above them in the table and have already lost 12 away games this season.

Skem manager Paul McNally said: "Market Drayton are a good side. It will be a tough game and they are very experienced."

Meanwhile, Burscough face a tough fixture list this month as they take on three of the top four teams in only seven days.

They play on Sunday against Northwich Victoria, who play at Witton Albion's Wincham Park, kick-off 3pm.

Northwich have just missed out on a trip to Wembley, losing out to Chertsey in the semi-final of the FA Vase on penalties.

Victoria are currently fourth in the table and although promotion is not on their agenda they will have revenge in mind after Burscough knocked them out of the FA Cup earlier in the season.

Both local teams are in action next Tuesday night. Skelmersdale have a very difficult game away to promotion-chasing Colne.

Burscough's game next Tuesday will be of great interest though as they take on league leaders City of Liverpool.

A big gate is expected for this one. City need to win to maintain their championship push as Bootle have been catching them up recently.

Edge Hill University's women's team in action. Picture by Steve Walker

Action-packed Varsity competition ends in entertaining draw

EDGE Hill University and the University of Central Lancashire could not be separated in the seventh edition of Varsity, which recently took place in Preston.

Holders for the last three years, Edge Hill were pegged back late on when the men's basketball team were defeated 112-36 in their fixture, which meant the final score finished 24-24 (with two points being awarded for a win).

Green victories came in women's football (6-0), men's table tennis (10-7), netball (49-43), mixed swimming (83-40), men's tennis (10-2), men's futsal (7-5) and mixed volleyball (3-1).

The women's and men's teams in 5-a-side and badminton also secured victories which contributed eight points to the overall total, which included dominant victories in either sport (19-1 for the women in 5-a-side, an 8-0 whitewash for men's badminton).

The other points arrived via the men's rugby league side, the Northern 1A runners-up being awarded a walkover after UCLAN failed to raise a team.

Malbon opens the scoring for Kidsgrove. Pictures by John Driscoll

McNally proud of his players despite defeat

Report by Neil Leatherbarrow

Kidsgrove Athletic 4
Skelmersdale United 0

SKELMERSDALE manager Paul McNally praised his players for their efforts despite another heavy defeat.

Three goals in the space of only 11 minutes by Anthony Malbon condemned McNally's side to a 4-0 defeat and ended Skem's hopes of getting anything from the game on a bright sunny day in Staffordshire on Saturday.

Skem had made a good fist of things in the first half and might have taken the lead, but a goal moments before the interval hit them hard and by the 56th minute they were 3-0 down and effectively beaten before Kidsgrove added a fourth.

In his post-match interview, McNally said: "In the first-half I thought we played really well, Kidsgrove moved the ball around well but they weren't hurting us.

"But the blow came with the goal and it took the wind out of our sails. It was hard to pick the lads up in the dressing room. They have give it tried their all today, then in the end their class has shown.

"But we'll keep trying. It is a work in progress and we'll keep working to get there and we will get there."

Skem welcomed back Liam Wood from injury and they restored Alex Griffiths to the starting line-up allowing the midfielder to extend his record of being the only player to appear in all the team's league matches this season.

After Skem had fended off an early free-kick from the hosts a pattern developed, Kidsgrove were having more of the possession but were having trouble breaking down a solid-looking Skelmersdale defence.

Alex Griffiths on the ball for Skem

Skem were looking lively on the counter-attack, on one of which Wood brought an excellent diving save out of home goalkeeper Kieran Harrison with a shot from 20 yards.

Clear-cut chances for Kidsgrove were at a premium though Will Saxon had one on 18 minutes after a good build-up but he contrived to flick the ball wide of the far-post.

On 37 minutes the home support made vociferous appeals for a penalty for a foul on Chris Baker but referee Stuart Morland waved them away.

Just when it looked like Skelmersdale were going to go into half time with a well-deserved draw they cruelly conceded and it was to be crucial.

Malbon received the ball into feet just inside the 18-yard box, twisted away from a marker behind him and cut inside another challenge before firing the ball past Skelmersdale goalkeeper Ryan Kirkman for a good individual goal.

It proved a psychological blow to a struggling Skelmersdale side. Going into the second-half at 0-0 would have boosted their confidence, going into it a goal down would hit it.

The goal boosted Kidsgrove and they were on the front foot from the off after the restart and keeper Kirkman soon had to make a brave save at Malbon's feet.

But the home team's pressure sadly for Skelmersdale brought a goal on 56 minutes.

An exchange of passes on the edge of the box saw Chris Budrys slide a neat ball through to Malbon who clipped the ball past an advancing Kirkman to make it 2-0.

Two minutes later another passing movement opened Skelmersdale up again, the ball was fed in from the right and former Port Vale and Kidderminster striker Malbon finished with the outside of his right-foot to make it 3-0 and complete his hat-trick.

Skelmersdale were beaten and their cause was further hampered when Mike Samson limped off injured. Kidsgrove continued to press and eventually in the 68th minute they made it 4-0.

The hosts won a free-kick on the left and Kyle Diskin hit a right-foot shot past the wall and, after a deflection, into the far corner of the net.

The last 20 minutes or so became more open. Malbon missed a chance to make it five, but at the other end Anthony Cato had a shot saved by Harrison and after a good run down the left a scramble saw the ball hacked clear, before Sean Yeldrem put a shot past the far-post.

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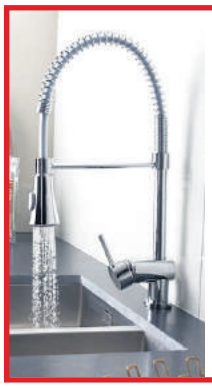

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